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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Southern Nevada Water Authority and Las Vegas Valley Water District

Deputy General Manager: Engineering/Operations ***May 2010 – Present***

Executive Team member with organization-wide assignments. Accountable for engineering, operations, and resource management.

Las Vegas Valley Water District (Since March 2011): Responsible for two departments – Engineering and Operations – that support and provide for the delivery of water to customers of Nevada’s largest water utility.

Southern Nevada Water Authority (Since May 2010): Responsible for five departments – Engineering, Environmental Resources, Groundwater Resources, Surface Water Resources, and the Southern Nevada Water System – that manage the region’s water resources and develop solutions that will ensure adequate future water supplies for the Las Vegas Valley.

Director of Environmental Resources ***December 2007 – May 2010***

Primary responsibilities included water conservation programs, sustainability strategic planning, enhancement of Las Vegas Wash environmental resources, organizational response to climate change issues, and management of agricultural/ranching land holdings in Eastern Nevada.

Focus Property Group – Las Vegas, Nevada

Vice President of Community Development ***October 2005 – November 2007***

Planning and development of master-planned communities including the 1700 acre Kyle Canyon Gateway in Las Vegas and the 1900 acre Inspirada community in Henderson. Prepared and managed schedules and budgets and coordinated infrastructure construction, marketing, and community design review.

Key Achievements

- ◆ Negotiated Kyle Canyon site plan, parks/trails plan, and design standards.
- ◆ Instrumental in City adoption of the Kyle Canyon Development Agreement.
- ◆ Prepared mixed-use design standards for Inspirada.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clark County, Nevada

Assistant County Manager

March 1999 – October 2005

Senior management team member with County-wide assignments and responsibility for community development programs and departments, including: Air Quality/Environmental Management, Business License, Comprehensive Planning, Development Services, Fire Department, and Public Works. Coordinated technical and policy issues with other regional government agencies, including the Regional Transportation Commission, the Regional Flood Control District, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Key Achievements

- ◆ Provided policy analysis and testimony for enactment of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.
- ◆ Directed staff research and prepared presentations for the community-based Clark County Growth Task Force.
- ◆ Designed and implemented numerous organizational improvements, including department management staff re-alignments.

Planning Director

June 1984 – March 1999

Responsible for administration of the Department of Comprehensive Planning. Department functions included land use planning, current planning/zoning, air and water quality planning, and the County's monitoring program for Yucca Mountain Project.

Key Achievements

- ◆ Provided leadership for strategic planning, quality improvement, and team-based, collaborative decision-making.
- ◆ Established the County's first unified development code.
- ◆ Updated land use plans and implemented growth management strategies.
- ◆ Prepared a variety of environmental planning documents including the County's air quality and water quality management plans.

Assistant Planning Director

March 1981 – June 1984

Assisted the Director in the management of all activities of the Department of Comprehensive Planning, including completion of the County's Comprehensive Plan, community and environmental management plans, and development of the County's geographic information system.

Environmental Planning Division Manager

April 1979 – March 1981

Supervised and directed research related to planning programs for storm water management, aircraft noise/land use compatibility, air quality, and groundwater/surface water quality.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission – Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Environmental Planner and Project Manager

July 1975 – April 1979

Prepared a water quality management plan for nine municipalities to control point and non-point pollution in urban and rural areas.

Louisville and Jefferson County Planning Commission – Louisville Kentucky

Environmental Planner

July 1973 – July 1975

Lead staff for environmental planning programs.

Cochise County Planning Department – Bisbee, Arizona

Intern

June 1972 – August 1972

Parks and open space planning.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona – Tucson, Arizona

Master of Science in Urban Planning

June 1973

Union College – Schenectady, New York

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Economics

June 1971

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

June 1971

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND RECOGNITION

American Institute of Certified Planners 1978-Present (*Charter Member*)

International City County Management Association, 1985-2005

National Association of County Planning Directors, 1984-1999 (*Past President*)

National Association of County Administrators, 1999-2005 (*Past President*)

American Society for Public Administration, 1984-2005 and 2008-Present (*Las Vegas Chapter Past President*)

Nevada Advisory Board on Water Resources Planning and Development, 1989-2001
(*Chairman*)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND RECOGNITION

Nevada State Land Use Planning Advisory Council 1988-2000

Alliance for Water Efficiency, Board Member, January 2011-Present

Qualified as an expert in land use planning at hearings held by the Nevada State Engineer